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Hongkong, November 8, 1911. 1436

THE TEMPLE OF THE CITY GOD SEALED UP.

The sudden outbreak against the idols of the Shing-wong temple seems not yet to have spent itself, and seeing that there is danger attached to the doing of those who would destroy the whole place, the officials have decided to shut it up. It appears that though the idols were beheaded, there yet remained certain things that might be burnt and other things that could be stolen. Seeing that this is so, bands of men calling themselves soldiers, are entering the temple and stealing property, and, when they lit, also lighting a bonfire with any woodwork, whether idols or otherwise. It is feared that these fires may be a danger to the houses and shops next-by and complaints are consequently rife. The temple-keepers have been ordered to collect their private property, and to betake themselves to another place. Their so-called private possessions have to be examined by an official and then they may depart in peace. Meanwhile the building, or what remains thereof, is to be guarded by a responsible police official. This is likely to be the end of the famous temple, whether tens of thousands of globe-trotters, and many local residents have been accustomed to go.

The German military authorities have decided to spend \$300,000 on flying machines during 1912. The whole of Germany is to be divided into various districts, each having its own flying squadron. It is estimated that the number of German flying machines in use by the end of next year will exceed 230.

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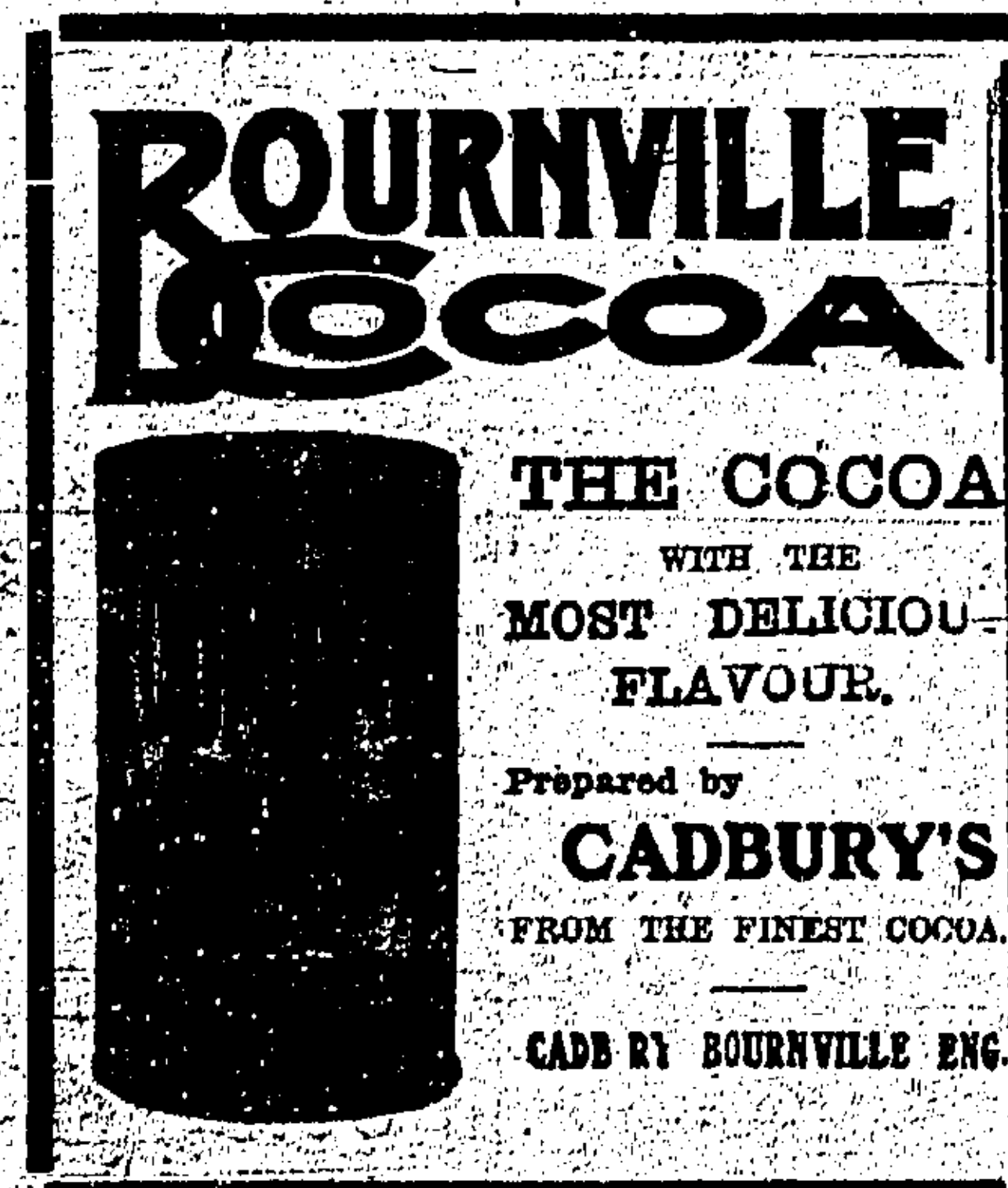
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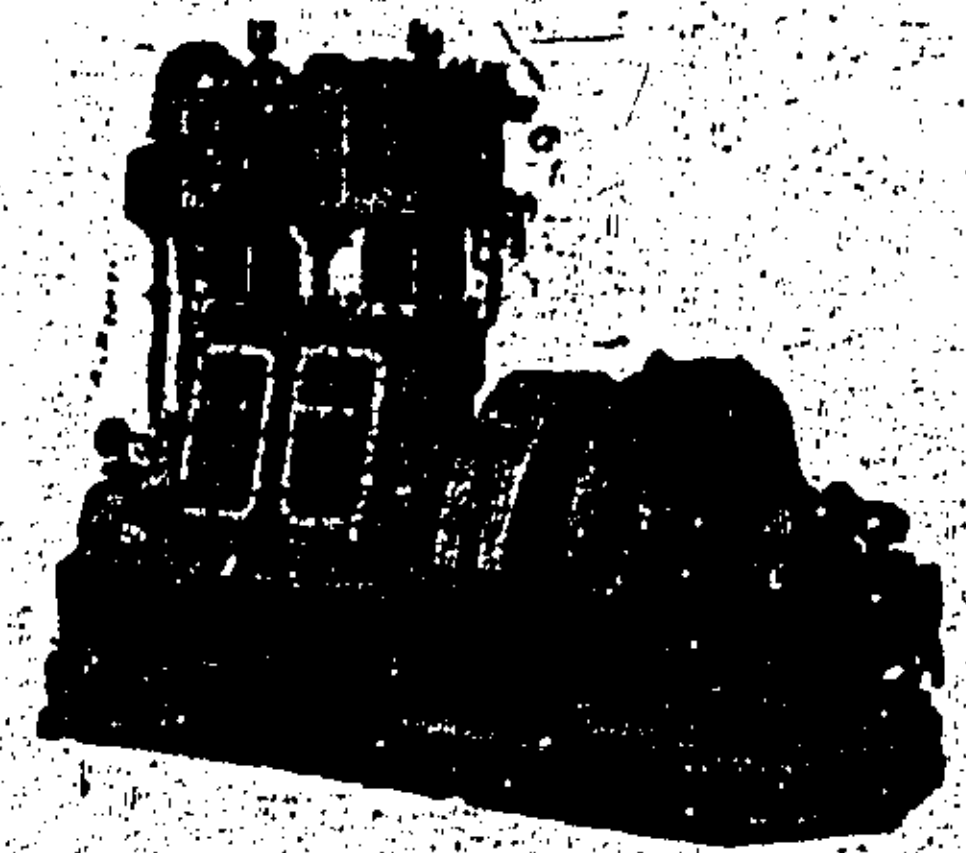
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over 60 pages. The introduction states
that the investigation, to discover whether
or not there was evidence of con-
tamination in the supply, was ordered
by Sir Henry May on October 6th,
1910, and it had occupied practically
twelve months. As the work progressed,
it soon became evident that if the lactose
fermenting bacilli were to be worked out
with any thoroughness, other side-issues
must be left alone on account of want of
time. This course was adopted and the
report consists essentially of an investigation
of the lactose fermenting bacilli. No
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5. The results given by the unfiltered

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takes, the reason for this requires to

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8. The method of running the water

direct from the intakes on the filter

beds with no preliminary storage is

undesirable as if there was any in-
fection of the water with pathogenic

organisms, they would not have time

to die out.

9. This method is even more undesirable

if the water happened to be filtered

by a new filter bed which was not yet

efficient.

10. If water must be used directly from

intakes with no preliminary storage,

a very strict supervision must be kept

over the area drained by the intake

to prevent its being contaminated with

human excreta, and it should only be

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to be efficient.

11. The whole water should be stored as

far as practical before being filtered.

12. The filter-beds appear to require at

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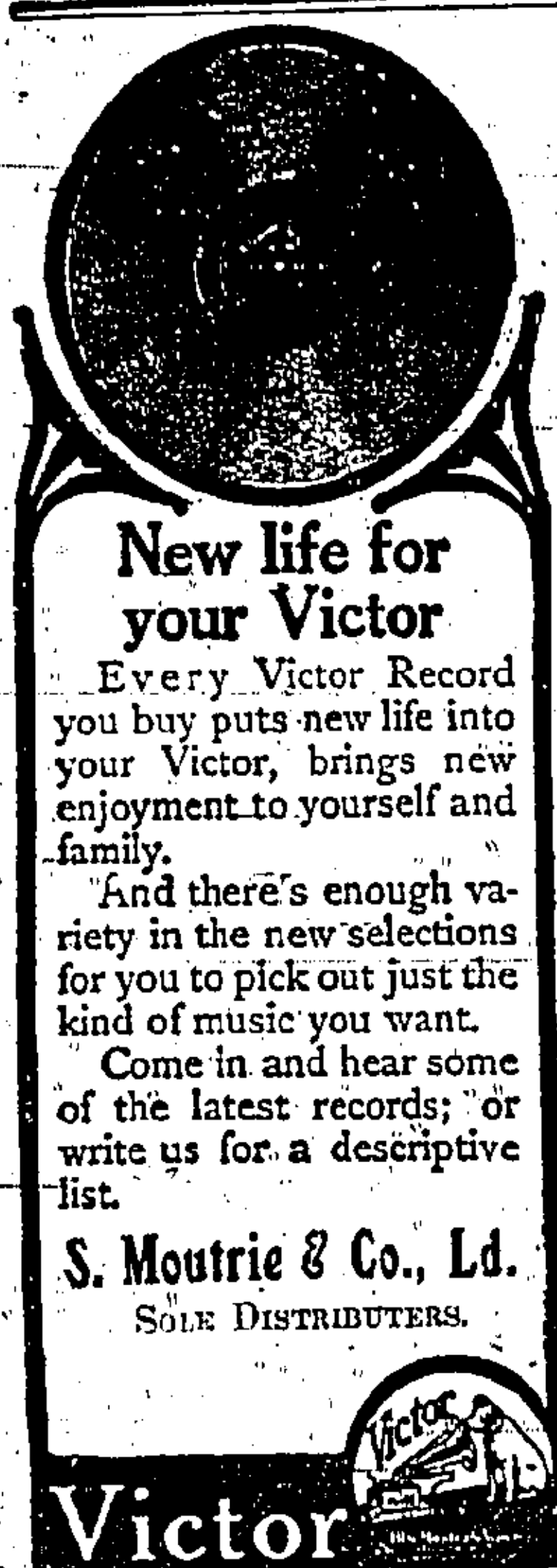
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But in England the conditions were almost ideally unfavourable for those who hoped to see a huge population with high wages and short hours. The soil would not support them, and when they ceased to outwork and undersell other nations, there was nothing before the working classes except to emigrate or starve.

Of course this outspokenness on the part of a high ecclesiastic has brought forth much criticism; but Dean Inge is not to be driven from his position. He says he knows it is easier to drift with the stream—a dead dog can do that—but to steer one's own course against the current is more difficult. He holds that the present popular cult of Democracy is nothing but a fetish, and a very silly one at that, in that the mere counting of heads is held to outweigh mental, intellectual and physical attainments. Again modern humanitarianism marked on one side rapid progress, but it had a soft and flabby side. The horror of taking life under any circumstances seemed to him unnatural, and probably only temporary. He thought the State of the future would take life mercifully, but more freely than it did now.

There is much of controversial character in these statements we admit, but nevertheless it is well that such a man as Dean Inge has given utterance to them. The future will decide whether he or his opponents are the more correct in their synopsis, but at any rate most people will agree that taking all things into consideration we are living in a most dull and uninspiring age, following upon one of the most remarkable in the history of civilization.

The newly appointed Dean of St. Paul's is evidently a man, not afraid to speak out and thereafter stand by his convictions. Dr. Inge, in a day when the great majority of churchmen are coquetting with socialism and making frantic efforts to win the ear of the working man, comes out plump and straight with utterances which run quite contrary to those more generally popular with his reverend brethren. He declines to flatter democracy or look upon it as the last and highest phase of civilization recently on "The Co-operation of the Church with the Spirit of the Age," he said he discovered all round him signs of exhaustion. The race-spirit after an exhausting spurt in the latter half of the nineteenth century was resting on its oars. The results of the great discoveries remained, but the creeds and philosophies which were built upon them were crumbling. For the man in the street, continued the Dean, the tottering of the great industrial fabric of the nineteenth century dominated all other issues. Under the old régime of status, which was subverted by the industrial movement of the nineteenth century, competition was never very keen, and at first the new individualistic industrialism seemed only to stimulate a healthy rivalry which got out of each man the best that was in him. But every system carried within itself the seeds of its own dissolution. Work had been dehumanized and de-spiritualized, and the speeding up of monotonous processes imposed an intolerable strain on the nerves of the workers, the conditions of town life had ruined the physique of the labouring classes, and a progressive degeneration of the physical, mental, and moral character of the people was taking place. The outlook was gloomy in the extreme. During the last century they had collected a population of 46,000,000 people on two small islands. That was done while Englishmen were making certain exceptional advantage of which they had made the fullest use, but some of these were passing away inevitably, and others were being wantonly sacrificed. We were no longer the most favoured nation, geographically. Our coal supply was being exhausted with criminal recklessness, and our labour was no longer very good, and was becoming extremely poor.

At a recent meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce it was declared that Russia is abusing her agreement with Great Britain in regard to Persia, and a motion was passed calling upon the Government to insist upon Russia withdrawing her demand to control the Persian Government as such control would be likely to kill Lancashire's trade with Persia.

Messrs Bradley and Co. send as well as unders advertising the Milkmaid brand of condensed milk, and bearing excellent pictures of Their Majesties the King and Queen; Mr. S. G. Newall, local manager of the South British Insurance Co., forwards a useful perpetual calendar; and from the Oaks Shoshen Kalka comes an elaborately got up wall calendar.

The owners of the Oldhamia, a ship destroyed by the Russians in the war with Japan, have recently published a pamphlet setting forth the facts of the case, with all the necessary documents. It would appear that the representations of the British Foreign Office to the Russian Government, have proved futile. In a communication to the owners on November 8, the Foreign Office wrote:—"The matter having been decided by the highest Russian tribunal, and the Russian Government having declined to submit it to arbitration, no useful purpose would, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be served by attempting to re-open the case." There the matter rests. It is not a pleasant thought for Englishmen, says the *Lancet*, that the British Government is powerless to obtain redress for an act of piracy committed on a British ship in the circumstances of the burning of the Oldhamia.

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CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

A Day of Quiet Festival.

Christmas-day in Hongkong dawned foggy and raw, with a low temperature and the mist far down the hillsides, but as the day wore on things brightened considerably and the afternoon was brilliant with sunshine. The north-westerly gale which whitened the tops of the waves in the harbour during the forenoon also died down and the evening glow which turns the Kowloon hills into a picture of deep purples and byzantine reds redoubled a scene of perfect calm.

The ships were decorated, the men-of-war in particular displaying much over-green at the tops and ends of tapering masts and yards. The churches all drew large congregations, not a seat being vacant in St. John's Cathedral, where Bishop Lander preached. The decorations at St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, in the Roman Catholic Churches, the Union Church, etc., were very chaste and appropriate to the season, while the services themselves were redolent of Christmas. And in the evening hospitality reigned supreme for Christmas is pre-eminently the festival of the well-spread board and blissing hearth-fire.

A very enjoyable social evening was held at the Club de Rejoice, Kowloon, on Christmas eve. Over thirty couples were present and dancing was indulged in until the small hours of the morning of Christmas Day. Supper was partaken of and a very happy time was spent which was due to the graciousness of the president, Mr. Rosa-Percina, Mr. J. I. V. dos Remedios and a large and hardworking committee.

Christmas at the Churches.

Christmas was duly celebrated at the several churches, there being large congregations at each of the services. At St. John's Cathedral on Christmas morning Bishop Lander was the preacher and dwelt on the message of Christmas. This collection was on behalf of the Diocesan Girls' School and Orphanage.

At St. Peter's, the Peak Church and St. Andrew's, Kowloon, special services were held.

The Union Church and the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, also participated in the great festival and at each of these places of worship special sermons were preached.

Amongst the Roman Catholic churches midnight mass was celebrated. The congregation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was unusually large and the sacred edifice was gaily decorated. Bishop Pozzani, assisted by the full clergy, officiated at High Mass, while Father Lynch preached an able sermon.

At the Rosary Church, Kowloon, midnight mass was also celebrated. The church was crowded, many Hongkong people being very sweet.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

M. Henri, a resident in the Philippines of 43 years' standing, and agent there of the M. M. Company, has died in Manila.

Two Chinese schoolboys had an argument near the Chinese Recreation ground, after they left school on Sunday. The argument, which was about revolutionary matters, developed into something more serious, for one is alleged to have taken out his pocket knife and slashed the other across the throat. The injured boy was taken to hospital while no arrest has yet been made.

The New South Wales Legislative Assembly on November 16 agreed to Mr. Megharry's motion as to the desirability of conferring with the Commonwealth and the other State Governments regarding the holding of an international exhibition at Sydney, involving an outlay of £100,000, to provide an opportunity for bringing the possibilities of Australia under the notice of the world.

The annual report of Sir John French on the Territorial Force is generally optimistic; and it is pointed out that if expectations as to the numerical strength of the force have not been realized, the quality of the force has been vastly improved. Complaint is made of the action of agents of the National Service League, which favours compulsory military service and has been deliberately endeavouring to dissuade men from joining the Territorials.

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SPORTING.

League Cricket.

CRICKET OVER A K.O.Y.L.L.

The K.O.Y.L.L. met Craignower on Saturday afternoon when the military were defeated. The scores were—

K.O.Y.L.L.		Craignower	
L. Cpl. Dempsey, c. Vivesh, b. Taylor...	47	L. Cpl. Dempsey, c. Vivesh, b. Taylor...	47
Pte. Clagg, c. J. Bagg, b. Taylor...	14	Pte. Clagg, c. J. Bagg, b. Taylor...	14
Pte. Cason, c. Hancock, b. Lammert...	0	Pte. Cason, c. Hancock, b. Lammert...	0
Cpl. Priestland, b. Taylor...	0	Cpl. Priestland, b. Taylor...	0
L. Cpl. Heckhurst, c. and b. Taylor...	8	L. Cpl. Heckhurst, c. and b. Taylor...	8
Pte. Darling, c. B. Bagg, b. Lammert...	4	Pte. Darling, c. B. Bagg, b. Lammert...	4
C. Sgt. Knight, c. B. Bagg, b. Lammert...	3	C. Sgt. Knight, c. B. Bagg, b. Lammert...	3
Pte. Hall, b. Taylor...	3	Pte. Hall, b. Taylor...	3
Pte. Lightfoot, b. Lammert...	5	Pte. Lightfoot, b. Lammert...	5
Pte. Thompson, not out...	10	Pte. Thompson, not out...	10
Pte. Tate, c. Norris, b. Taylor...	11	Pte. Tate, c. Norris, b. Taylor...	11
Extras...	6	Extras...	6
Total...	115	Total...	115

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	R.	M.	R.	W.
Bagg, J. ...	8	1	16	1
Pestonji ...	7	3	13	1
Taylor ...	13.1	1	50	5
Lammert ...	11	1	28	4

CRAIGNOWER.

J. D. Norris, b. Dempsey...	5
L. A. Rose, c. Knight, b. Dempsey...	9
G. A. Hancock, c. Hall, b. Beckhurst...	4
J. V. Bagg, c. Hall, b. Beckhurst...	24
R. A. Carvalho, not out...	48
H. H. Taylor, c. B. Bagg, b. Lammert...	1
L. B. Bagg, c. B. Bagg, b. Lammert...	23
L. E. Lammert, not out...	0
W. H. Vivesh ...	0
R. Bagg ...	0
R. Pestonji ...	0
Extras ...	7
Total (for 6 wks.) ...	139

FRIENDLY.

HONGKONG & GOLF CLUB.

The Golf Club representatives were visitors to Hongkong on Saturday afternoon when the home team obtained an easy win. The scores were—

GOLF CLUB.

Clapham, c. Hancock, b. Donnelly...	3
Sutherland, b. Fowler...	3
Addison, b. Donnelly...	25
Bird, b. Donnelly...	2
Wood, c. Hancock, b. Fowler...	10
Clagg, c. Pearce, b. Fowler...	13
Bagnall, c. Addison, b. Hewison...	17
Hutchinson, c. Donnelly, b. Pearce...	1
Wells, not out...	0
Tellie, c. Pearce, b. Hewison...	0
Dashwood, c. Bagnall, b. Hewison...	0
Extras ...	8
Total ...	67

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	R.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly ...	9	1	37	3
Fowler ...	5	1	12	2
Hewison ...	7	1	21	3
Pestonji ...	3.7	1	9	2

HONGKONG CLUB.

Rev. Hewison, l.b.w., b. Bird...	5
Pearce c. Dashwood, b. Bagnall...	39
Moss, c. Crawford, b. Addison...	22
Staveley b. Bird...	22
Philips, not out...	20
Fowler, c. Dashwood by Bagnall...	70
Atkinson, c. Dashwood, b. Bird...	0
Extras ...	8
Six wickets for ...	171

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	R.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly ...	13	2	39	3
Bagnall ...	6	1	52	2
Hutchinson ...	6	1	24	2
Addison ...	6	1	38	2

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

This Annual Christmas match, played on the H.K.C.C.'s ground, was commenced yesterday and resumed at 10 o'clock this morning. At close of play yesterday the Services had dismissed the home eleven for 103, of which Hancock made 50 not out; and were a hundred odd up for none, Capt. R. D. Crawford and Lee, Corp. Dempsey being at the wickets. On resuming play this morning these two batsmen continued to make a stand and piled up a good score between them: Capt. Crawford 120, Dempsey 68. The Services were all out for 225 at half past twelve, when the Club commenced their second innings. A. C. E. Elborough and M. M. Moss going out first. The score at the fifth interval was 10, Elborough 1, Moss 4, Extras 5.

H.K.C.C.

T. E. Pearce, c. Hughes b. White...	33
A. C. E. Elborough, c. Annabell, b. Ward...	3
M. M. Moss, c. Whitehead, b. White...	8
R. O. Hutchinson, b. Annabell...	11
E. A. Fowler, l.b.w., b. White...	0
R. P. Thurstield, run out...	13
H. Hancock, not out...	60
R. E. O. Bird, c. Ward, b. Dempsey...	25
A. C. E. Elborough, c. Bagnall, b. Dempsey...	25
D. E. Donnelly, b. Bagnall...	0
Extras ...	8
Total ...	163

UNITED SERVICES.

Capt. R. D. Crawford, R.G.A. c. Elborough, b. Thurstield...	120
Lee Corp. Dempsey, c. Thurstield, b. M. M. Moss...	68
E. O. Annabell, R.N. b. Moss, b. Elborough...	31
L. A. Whitehead, R.N. b. Bird...	1
Capt. H. E. Hughes, K.O.Y.L.L. c. Hancock, b. Fowler...	15
Capt. D. Clapham, R.G.A. c. and b. Thurstield...	11
L. Col. Hamilton, K.O.Y.L.L. c. and b. Bird...	17
W. A. Hagger, 126 B.I. b. Bird...	2
E. O. Bagnall, R.G.A. b. Fowler...	8
G. O. White, 126 B.I. b. Fowler...	0
Comd. Ward, R.N. not out...	10
Extras ...	10
Total ...	275

ENGLAND v. VICTORIA.

Below we give the detailed scores of the match between England and Victoria, which resulted in a win for England by 49 runs—

ENGLAND—FIRST INNINGS.

J. B. Hobbs, c. Laver, b. Matthews...	21
S. P. Kinney, c. R. A. M. Macrow...	32
W. R. Rhodes, l.b., b. Laver...	23
J. W. Hearne, c. Matthews...	6
C. P. Mead, c. Carkeet, b. Kyle...	34
F. R. Foster, c. Armstrong, b. Laver...	101
J. W. H. T. Douglas (captain), not out...	33
E. J. Smith, c. D. Smith, b. Laver...	22
F. E. Woolley, c. and b. Matthews...	14
J. Ironmonger, run out...	16
J. W. H. T. Douglas...	15
Extras ...	1
Total ...	318
Fall of wickets: 33, 61, 113, 134, 246, 274, 302, 318.	

Balls, Misses, Runs, Wickets.

Macrow ...	138	4	61	1
Laver ...	264	17	88	3
Matthews ...	156	13	53	3
Kyle ...	150	13	50	1
Brown ...	38	1	17	0
Armstrong ...	88	2	31	0

VICTORIA—FIRST INNINGS.

R. Northam, b. Hitch ...	74
J. A. Smit, b. Foster ...	14
V. S. Randell, b. Hearne ...	34
D. Smit, b. Douglas ...	63
F. Laver, c. Hitch, b. Douglas ...	14
W. W. Armstrong, c. Smith, b. Douglas ...	9
T. Matthews, b. Hitch ...	9
N. Deane, c. Smith, b. Douglas ...	21
W. Carkeet, b. Hitch ...	0
T. Macrow, c. Rhodes, b. Hitch ...	2
J. Kyle, not out ...	7
Extras ...	31
Total ...	274

Fall of Wickets: 27, 76, 180, 240, 240, 251, 264, 274.

BOWLING.

	R.	M.	R.	W.
Foster ...	120	4	68	3
Douglas ...	110	5	41	4
Hitch ...	90	5	54	4
Hearne ...	41	0	34	1
Woolley ...	30	0	15	0
Ironmonger ...	60	1	29	0
Douglas bowled 1 wide; Hearne 1 no ball, and Hitch 1 no ball.				

ENGLAND—SECOND INNINGS.

J. B. Hobbs, c. Matthews, b. Armstrong...	64
S. P. Kinney, l.b., b. Laver...	12
W. R. Rhodes, l.b., b. Armstrong...	88
F. J. Smith, b. Kyle...	1
J. W. H. T. Douglas, c. and b. Armstrong...	13
C. P. Mead, c. Laver...	22
J. W. Hearne, c. and b. Laver...	0
S. R. Foster, c. Armstrong...	15
F. E. Woolley, b. Macrow...	15
J. W. H. T. Douglas, not out...	6
J. Ironmonger, b. Macrow...	0
Extras ...	12
Total ...	234

Fall of wickets: 41, 104, 190, 204, 213, 234, 234.

BOWLING.

	R.	M.	R.	W.
Laver ...	114	12	23	3
Macrow ...	64	1	30	2
Matthews ...	64	1	25	0
Kyle ...	192	9	69	1
Brown ...	21	0	15	0
Armstrong ...	162	9	56	4
Macrow bowled 1 no ball.				

VICTORIA—SECOND INNINGS.

18	J. A. Seiz, b Douglas	...	...	...	...
17	B. Kordang, thrown out by Hobbs	...	...	...	...
16	V. S. Randell, c Foster, b Ironmonger	3	...	...	...
15	D. Smith, run out	...	...	...	8
14	W. W. Armstrong, b Ironmonger	...	...	...	2
13	T. Matthews, b Douglas	...	...	...	2
12	N. Brown, b Foster	...	...	...	2
11	F. Laver, b Douglas	...	...	...	1
10	J. Kyle, run out	...	...	...	1
9	W. Carkeet, l.b., Douglas	...	...	...	1
8	T. Macrow, not out	...	...	...	1
7	Extra	...	...	...	1
6	Total	...	...	...	23

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

CANADIAN TRAMCAR
DISASTER.

TWO KILLED AND 40 INJURED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 26.

A telegram from Toronto states that a crowded tramcar has been wrecked through an open switch, two passengers being killed and 40 injured.

Captain Deacon, R.N., of Plymouth, was seriously injured and his wife killed.

GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTER HONOURED.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 25.

His Majesty the Kaiser has conferred the Order of the Red Eagle with brilliants on Herr Kiderlen-Waechter, the Foreign Minister.

THE REVOLUTION.

ATTITUDE OF THE POWERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 23.

Reuter states that there is no truth in the report that Britain and Japan insist on a monarchical government in China. The efforts of Britain and the other Powers are being directed towards assisting China to secure efficient government based on popular approval.

WILL THE CONFERENCE FAIL?

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking wires that the Government fears that the conference at Shanghai will fail.

The rebels are preparing to march northwards via Pukow.

IMPORTANT PAPAL
DECREE.

HOW IT AFFECTS IRELAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

The papers comment on the reissue of the Papal decree excommunicating private individuals who, without obtaining permission of the Ecclesiastical authorities, summon any ecclesiastic before a criminal or civil tribunal as a defendant or witness. It is stated that the Irish law officers are considering the decree which is regarded as denying the Roman Catholics justice.

HONOUR FOR JAPAN-
ESE AMBASSADOR.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Chinda, has received the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle on the occasion of his transfer to Washington.

AMERICAN SUGAR CROP.

ROSY ESTIMATES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's New York correspondent states that moderate estimates predict that the sugar crop will yield 1,825,000 tons, exceeding the record of 1910 by 25,000.

Other estimates place the yield as high as 1,875,000.

PORTUGUESE TOOPS
MUTINY.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

A regiment at Braga in Portugal has mutinied and shot and wounded the colonel. Thirty-nine men have been arrested.

AUSTRALIAN COAL
VENUE.

BIG LAW SUIT ENDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that the result of the Federal suit against the members of the Coal Vend was that each defendant was fined \$500 with costs and enjoined from continuing the monopoly.

The cases occupied seventy-three days, and the 29 defendants comprised the principal Newcastle and Maitland collieries and interstate shipping companies.

The penalties and costs amounted to over \$200,000.

FIGHTING NEAR
MELILLA.

NATIVES ATTACK SPANIARDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent reports that the natives near Melilla attacked the Spanish troops on Friday, and severe fighting followed along the front for nearly 40 miles.

The Spanish casualties were 9 killed and 38 wounded, including several officers, while the natives lost heavily.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran wires that Russian official sources state that while the Russian Government is sincerely desirous of withdrawing the troops as soon as possible, no pledge of immediate evacuation will be given on compliance with the ultimatum. No action has yet been taken regarding Mr. Shuster's position.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg show that the fighting at Tabriz on the 21st inst. was very severe, the Fidis attacking from the roofs and the streets. The Russians repulsed a formidable attack at Baghchehmal with artillery.

The Russian colony took refuge in the Consulate until reinforcements arrived, and then the artillery began the bombardment of the citadel, where the Fidis, were mostly gathered. The Russian corpses were horribly mutilated by the Fidis.

After the fighting at Tabriz, the Russians occupied all the Government offices and the telegraph station. The bombardment demolished many private buildings, and fifty Persians were killed.

The Russians have occupied the police and telegraph offices at Resht, where a number of Government officials were killed.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

LATER.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent states that after Ministerial consultation, the Viceroy of the Caucasus has been ordered to send the largest possible reinforcements to Tabriz.

"NO MERCY."

The Noveye Vremya quotes the Director of the Persian Department of the Foreign Office as saying that Russia will take justice into her own hands at Tabriz, Resht and Enzeli and will show no mercy to the revolutionary dregs who have been shedding Russian blood.

ALLEGED RUSSIAN
BRUTALITY.

LATER.

The Vice-Governor of Teheran estimates that 500 Persians have already been killed, and he declares that the Russians ignore overtures for the cessation of hostilities and are butchering women and children.

A SETTLEMENT.

LATER.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent cable that with the approval of the Cabinet, the Regent has dissolved the Mojibis and the Government has definitely accepted the Russian ultimatum. Further, the Russian Minister has signified his acceptance of the Persian reply.

HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

LATER.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent wires that shooting still continues at Tabriz.

WIGAN MINE DISASTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 23.

A waterburst at a pit shaft near Wigan flooded the mine. Seventy-five men were rescued and twelve are still below.

Eleven men were rescued from the flooded mine at Wigan late last evening. One man was drowned.

THE OPIUM CONVENTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague wires that the Opium Conference has passed the first reading of the Opium Convention, and has adjourned till the 2nd January.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

A RED SEA CAPTURE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

The steamer Menzaleh, which was seized by the Italian cruiser Puglia in the Red Sea, was allowed to proceed after the cruisers took away the £30,000 on board and the Ottoman parcels which she carried.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome telegraphs that the Turks twice attacked the Italian redoubts at Benghazi on the night of the 21st inst. but were driven off.

A six hours' action took place at Tobruk on the 22nd inst., in which warships participated.

The Italians lost seven killed and 16 wounded, while the enemy lost heavily.

HOSPITAL SHIP SEIZED.

The Italian cruiser Puglia has seized the hospital ship Kaiserlich in the Red Sea, although she was flying the red cross flag, because a search showed an entire lack of hospital appliances and gave ground to the suspicion that she was being used for transport purposes.

TURKS AND ARABS CLAIM
SUCCESS.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent cables that the papers report continuous fighting at Tripoli and Ceranea, resulting favourably to the Turks and the Arabs, who are stated to be full of vigour and enthusiasm.

TERRIBLE GALE
AT HOME.

MANY FISHERMEN DROWNED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, December 24.

A gale has played havoc with the fisheries, especially with French and British vessels. Nearly one hundred fishermen were drowned and many vessels lost. After many weeks of storms and almost continuous rain the wind dropped to-day and the heavy weather gave place to sunshine. There is promise of a fine Christmas.

THE WRECKED
"DELHI"(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

All the specie from the steamer Delhi has been landed.

DUNDEE LABOUR
DISPUTES.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir G. Asquith is proceeding to Dundee to mediate with the men's leaders. The strikers have succeeded in blocking cargoes at Leith destined for Dundee.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

The Dundee strike was settled at 3 o'clock this morning through the mediation of Sir G. Asquith, the carters and dockers getting an advance in wages.

A telegram from Reuter's Dundee correspondent states that most of the works have resumed business and that contractors are rushing through fuel and supplies.

PARIS GRAVEYARD
SENSATION.

THE JEWELS SAFE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

The outrage on the body of the actress Madame Lantelme has caused a sensation in Paris. The robbers scattered the images at the altar and in the vault they removed three shells. They stripped the body of its wrappings of cotton wool, which a fallen match fired, and the stifling smoke compelled them to retreat. The firemen afterwards extinguished the flames and found the jewels intact beneath the pillow at the head of the corpse.

MORE COMBINATION.

BRITISH CEMENT TRADE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Dec. 23.

A British Cement Combine has been formed with a capital of three and a half million pounds. It has an agreement with the Associated Cement Company. The two concerns will have a capital of twelve millions and will control five-sixths of the British output.

CHAMBERLAIN ROAD
ALTERATIONS.

Mr Pollock's Queries.

At the Legislative Council meeting to be held next Thursday the Hon. Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., will ask the following questions—

1. What is the nature of the works which are in contemplation in the Hill District near the junction of the Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads?
2. For what reason are such works being undertaken?
3. Has the question of the desirability of undertaking such works been laid before the Public Works Committee? If not, why not?
4. What is the estimated cost of such works?

TYTAM RESERVOIR.

Progress of the Scheme.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon the report of the Public Works Committee was laid on the table.

The report of Mr. Jaffé, Executive Engineer, showed that in years of deficient rainfall, such as 1901, the existing works, comprising Pokfulam, Wengmetchung, Tytam, Tytam Byewash and Tytam Intermediate Reservoirs, would fall short of present requirements to the extent of nearly 600 million gallons. The joint capacity of the reservoirs mentioned was 747 million gallons, but under such conditions as prevailed in 1901, the reservoirs might only contain 500 million gallons at the commencement of the dry season, whilst the statistics of recent years showed that during a dry season extending over a period of 283 days the consumption would amount to 1,270 million gallons. The yield of the streams during the same period would amount to about 237 million gallons so that a storage of 1,043 million gallons was required to ensure constant supply or 482 million in excess of that afforded by the present works, or, in round figures, 500 millions.

Probable requirements in the near future, including a supply to Shaukiwan District, which could be most economically supplied from Tytam, were estimated at about 860 millions. The capacity of a reservoir to meet existing and provide for estimated requirements must therefore not be less than 1,060 million gallons.

When the section of the Tytam Tuk scheme was formerly under consideration, it was considered important in selecting the site for the dam, to secure the largest possible drainage area and it was therefore proposed that the dam should be constructed on what had been designated on the plans as "Site No. 1," which was situated in Tytam Bay. A report and estimate, prepared by Mr. Jaffé and dated 6th February, 1905, were forwarded to Government, for the construction of a dam on this site, with the necessary contingent works. The estimate was as follows:—

Dam (to impound 1,200 million gallons), \$2,445,000; Pumping station, pumping plant and mains, 337,000; Tunnel for discharge of storm-water during construction of dam and subsequently for drainage, 127,000; Road diversion, 60,000; Temporary Works, 343,300; total, \$3,312,300.

The gauges which were fixed in 1903 in the Tytam valley had shown however that, in year of average rainfall, the quantity of water available would be sufficient to fill a reservoir capable of containing 1,500 million gallons, though the drainage area were curtailed by constructing the dam at a higher point than that already referred to and accordingly a site which was designated "No. 2," immediately below the Tytam Tuk village, had the roughly indicated. To ensure the filling of such a reservoir during years of low rainfall, a short catchwater to intercept the drainage of an important valley to the north-eastward would be constructed, thus rendering available nearly the whole of the drainage area secured by the adoption of Site No. 1. If this were found inadequate, further catchwaters which would simply ensure the filling of the proposed reservoir, could be constructed.

In other respects, the scheme was on the same lines as that formerly proposed and all the works, which had been carried out under the heading "Tytam Tuk scheme, first section," would be fully availed of, the existing catchwater being taken up and relaid as a rising main. Site No. 1 would still be available if it became necessary to provide further storage accommodation in the future but it would be necessary to construct an extensive system of catchwaters in order to fill such a reservoir.

The estimate of the amended scheme was as follows:—

Dam (to impound 1,500 million gallons), \$1,042,000; Pumping station, pumping plant and mains, \$220,000; Road diversion, etc., \$35,000; Catchwater, \$20,000; total, \$2,017,000.

The committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the amended scheme be undertaken and that it be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

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